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PETITION TO DELETE INVENTORS

In a Response dated Sept. 3, 2002, the undersigned cancelled claims to non-elected invention of Group I, and requested that certain named inventors be deleted as inventors from the above-captioned patent application.

In the Office Action of February 3, 2003 in the above captioned case, the Examiner requested that Applicant's previous request for change of inventorship request be provided on a separate paper.

In light of the cancellation of claims to non-elected invention of Group I, Applicants respectfully request, under 37 CFR 1.48(b), the undersigned respectfully requests the deletion of the names of Nolene Harris, Neil Watkins and Rick Kowalski as inventors from the above-captioned application.

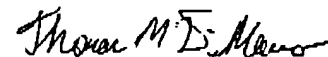
Whereas the claims now on file relate to an injection device, the inventors to be deleted contributed only to the development of the novel cement claimed in claims 85-99. The undersigned acknowledges that the novel cement invention is no longer being claimed in the present application.

In accordance with the 37 CFR 1.48(b) request, please charge the 37 CFR 1.17(I) fee to Deposit Account No. 10-0750/DEP0468/TMD.

In addition, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to charge any further fees which may be due to Deposit Account No. 10-0750, but do not include any payment of issue fees.

Should there be any remaining or further questions, the Examiner is requested to place contact the undersigned directly.

Respectfully submitted,



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